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SUBJ: SUBSECRETARY FONMIN AYALA'S RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S.

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1. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY DCM, MADE FAREWELL CALL ON FONMIN SUBSECRETARY JOSE AYALA AFTERNOON APRIL 5. DURING COURSE OF CALL AMBASSADOR ASKED AYALA TO DESCRIBE HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

2. AYALA LED OFF BY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR HIS RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON BY DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARA RYAN AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY
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BUSHNELL. AYALA SAID THAT THE DISUCSSION WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY

INGERSOLL COVERED THE GAMUT OF ECUADOREAN-US. RELATIONS. THEY DISCUSSED LAW OF THE SEA AND FISHING MATTERS, GSP AND ECUADOREAN BORROWING AT THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. DURING THIS CALL, AYALA SAID THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL HAD ASKED WHETHER FORMER ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES' INVITATION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER TO VISIT ECUADOR WAS STILL VALID. AYALA SAID OF COURSE IT WAS.

3. DURING HIS CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUSHNELL AT TREASURY, AYALA DESCRIBED BUSHNELL AS A HARD MAN BUT A STRAIGHT TALKER WHO MAY SUFFER SOM MISAPPREHENSIONS ABOUT ECUADOR, ITS STATE OF DEVELOPMENT, AND OIL POLICY. HE SAID THAT BUSHNELL GAVE LITTLE HOPE FOR CHANGING THE GSP EXCLUSION THIS YEAR, BUT DID SPEAK OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR ECUADOR TO BUY SOME SOFT LOAN FUNDS AT THE IDB.

4. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, AYALA ALSO VISITED OPIC, HE SAID. HE SAID FURTHER THAT HE WELCOMED OPIC/S PLANS FOR SENDING AN INVESTMENT MISSION TO ECUADOR LATER THIS YEAR TO LOOK INTO AREAS IN WHICH ECUADOR WAS INTERESTED IN FOREIGN INVESTMENT FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT.

5. AYALA BRIEFLY DESCRIBED HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY AND OTHERS IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS ARTICLE 53 AND REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. HE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY HAD LED OFF THESE DISCUSSIONS BY SAYING THAT THE US. WISHED TO RETREAT SOMEWHAT FROM ITS EARLIER POSITION VIS-A-VIS REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE TEXT WORKED OUT IN QUITO. HE SAID THAT ECUADOR, TOO, WISHED TO RETREAT ON A NUMBER OF POINTS AND THAT THEREFORE BOTH SIDES GO BACK TO SOMEWHERE NEAR WHERE THEY WERE LAST NOVEMBER. HE SAID THAT ECUADOR STILL HOPED TO HAVE A REGIONAL AGREEMENT, BUT THAT IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS CO-RELIGIONARIES REQUIRED A LONGER AND MORE DETAILED ARTICLE 53 IN THE LOS TREATY THAN THE US. WISHED FOR.

6. TURNING TO THE U.S. BILL ESTABLISHING A 200-MILE ECONOMIC
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ZONE, AYALA SAID THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THE BILL REQUIRINRY AGREEMENT WITH OTHER STATES ON HIGHLY-MIGRATORY SPECIES, AND CONTAINING SANCTIONS IF SUCH AGREEMENT WERE NOT REACHED, WOULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE IN OUR RELATIONS. AYALA SINCERELY BEMOANED THRS PROBABILITY.

7. COMMENT: AYALA WAS HIS USUAL ASTUTE, STRAIGHTFORWARD SELF. WE DID NOT KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S. HAD RETREATED

FROM ITS QUITO POSITION ON A REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR TUNA,
NOR INDEED THAT FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES HAD
INVITED THE SECRETARY TO VISIT ECUADOR.
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